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## NEW PROVIDENCE RECREATION CHAMPIONSHIP SPIRIT



(above) New Providence Recreation 3rd & 4th Grade boys' teams the Pirates, sponsored by Stashluk Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Generators, and the Athletics, sponsored by NP Fuel.

It was a beautiful evening for baseball on Friday, June 9, when two New Providence Recreation 3rd & 4th Grade boys' teams faced off for the league championship. The Pirates, sponsored by Stashluk Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Generators, and the Athletics, sponsored by NP Fuel, met up at Hillview field on Central Avenue for the final game of a great season.

Six teams played each other through April and May. After an exciting season of competitive games, four of the six teams, all led by parent volunteer coaches, had the same record - 5 wins and 4 losses. The Phillies, sponsored by Advanced Financial Federal Credit Union, won the tie-breaker and received season champion medals.

All six teams participated in the play-offs. The Pirates, with a season record of 3-6, won their first two play-off games, landing them in the final game against the Athletics. Having played each other twice during the regular season (each had won one of those games), the match-up between the Pirates

and Athletics was bound to be good one.

To extend the excitement of the play-offs, all 3rd & 4th grade baseball families were encouraged to attend to cheer on their friends and attend a post-game pizza party, courtesy of New Providence Recreation.

The game did not disappoint! After the league standard playing time of five innings, the game was tied at 5-5, prompting the necessity of a sixth inning. During the top of the inning, several Pirates players had hits, bringing in three runs. They were able to prevent the Athletics from scoring, resulting in a championship win for the Pirates.

All throughout the game, as during the season, the enthusiastic crowd and team coaches provided encouragement, showing the spirit of sportsmanship NP Recreation strives to inspire.

Players congratulated each other, posed for a combined team picture with their trophies and medals, and then shared pizza to celebrate the season.

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The New Providence Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 9. They joined with over 3,000 law enforcement officers from over 300 New Jersey police departments. They each take a turn running one of 26 separate legs carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Special Olympic torch, throughout the day which began at 4:45 a.m. and snakes through more than 300

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The run ends in the evening on the same day at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony held at The College of New Jersey.

The event started in 1984 to join a national effort. Its goal is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. You can learn more and donate by visiting [www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org).



(above l-r) Patrolman Rodriguez (Torch Run Coordinator), Lieutenant Kennedy, Patrolman Cely-Gomez, Patrolman Lynch and Chief Buccelli. Photo by New Providence Police Department.

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*Submitted by: Publisher of the French Review, Executive Director, Jayne Abrate*

The American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) is pleased to announce that Rosario Jordan Freire has received a 2017 AATF Outstanding Senior in French Award. This award is made annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the study of French as well as exceptional commitment to the French language and the many cultures where it is spoken. Recipients must have completed at least three years of French study at the time of graduation and be non-native speakers of French.

Rosario Jordan Freire has completed four years of French study. She has traveled abroad, is a member of the French National Honor Society and is an officer of the French National Honor Society. She is the student of Matthew Mergen. The AATF was founded in 1927 and has as its mission the promotion of the study of French

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Members of the NJ Sharing Network team participated in the "Bagging for Charity" event at the ShopRite in Stirling, NJ on April 30th. All proceeds benefited the NJ Sharing Network Foundation. Funds raised by the NJ Sharing Network Foundation support donor families, research and education about organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

For more information please visit [njsharingnetwork.org](http://njsharingnetwork.org).



(above l-r) Sue Condo, Michele Dabal, Alberta D'Addio, Nancy Bird, Tom Hugaboom, and Keath Gerald.

## REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ADULT SUMMER RECREATION CLASSES



New Providence Recreation is accepting registrations for adult evening and day classes which run July 5th through September 1st. Most of the 8-9 week sessions are \$56 - \$63 with discounts for multiple classes. Several programs are free for NP residents! All levels of fitness and those returning to exercise are welcome!

Programs are offered starting at 6:00 a.m. If you are seeking weight loss, core body strength and a toned physique, "Fitness Challenge" with Mike Czech provides a high-intensity workout. This outdoor class is designed to help increase metabolism and energy level; all levels are

welcome. Boxing for men and women is also available at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Other morning programs beginning at 9:00 a.m. include Zumba, yoga and pickleball.

In the evening, "Body Shaping" is offered at 7:00 p.m. twice a week. Our instructor, Cyndi Giordano, demonstrates challenging techniques and also uses hand weights and bands to push you to greater fitness. She will work with newcomers as well as those who routinely exercise. The other evening programs on the schedule include yoga classes and badminton.

To see the complete adult program flyer, visit [www.newprov.org/recreation](http://www.newprov.org/recreation). Use the online CommunityPass registration link to register. Not sure what you'd like to take? Try a class at no cost by contacting the New Providence Recreation office at 908-464-4430.

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New Providence Memorial Library has groups that meet regularly. Our Reading Groups are taking July off but the Baseball Discussion Group and Knitting Group will be meeting. All are welcome. Here are the dates:

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### The month closes with an informative and delicious talk on

Wednesday, 7/26 @ 10:30AM-12

about avocados with Jennifer Luster, dietician from Shop Rite in Chatham. Jennifer will share recipes, preparation tips and we'll share the delicious results!

Stay tuned for details on the Summer Reading program for adults. We'll be using the library's GoodReads reading group, NPML Reading Group, for submissions and discussions again and prizes will be awarded. No reading lists, just participation and some great conversations.

Full details on children's events, Summer Reading programs and prizes can be found at the library's website or come into the Children's Room and speak with Miss Kerri for more details and signups.



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New Providence teachers who were honored included Jessica Beltz, Rebecca Bucossi, Alicia Gregorio, and Deena Rudnicki.

"There is no doubt that your impact will be realized beyond the scope of this state, this nation, and indeed this world," Anthony A.

Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean of Kean's College of Education, told the teachers. "You educate and empower our next generation of leaders."

The featured speaker at the event, 2016-2017 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Argine Safari, recalled a high school teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to reach for more.

"Think for a moment how incredible that power is that we have in our classrooms. Think of the influence that we all have," Safari said. "Every child deserves to have a champion. I had my champion, and I'm sure that you can name teachers who influenced you. We have to continue to work and advocate for our students."

Also speaking at the event were Interim

Executive County Superintendent for Union County Juan Torres, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Michael A. Davino, and Union County Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen. Each praised the honored teachers for their dedication to the students of the county.

"Thank you is the best that I can come up with, but I think you know how much I appreciate you," said Davino.

Pittman left the assembled educators with an original poem that he wrote in the teachers' honor, which read in part,

"One day soon I hope you find /  
You did more than help them pass /  
I hope you'll soon discover /  
That your wind helps them soar first class."



(above) Anthony Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean, Kean University College of Education (front, left) poses with the nearly 60 Kean University alumni honored as Union County Teachers of the Year at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University.

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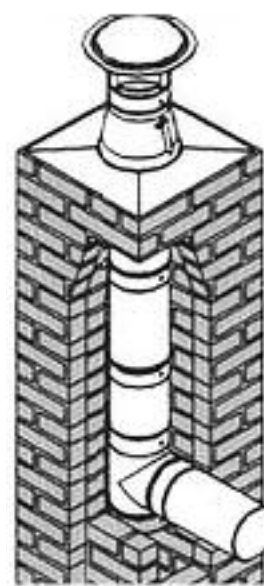
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from our residents. These are critical long term upgrades to the essential infrastructure in New Providence.

Central Avenue, between South Street and Springfield Avenue, is scheduled to be milled and paved beginning in early July. Funding permitting, paving Central Avenue between Springfield Avenue and the Chatham line will also occur. In addition, milling and paving is anticipated on Whitewood Drive, Acorn Drive, Overhill Road, a portion of Southgate Road,

Ryder Way and Jones Drive. We will update the timing of these projects as the information becomes available.

Union County will be milling and repaving Mountain Avenue, between Diamond Hill Road and Division Avenue.

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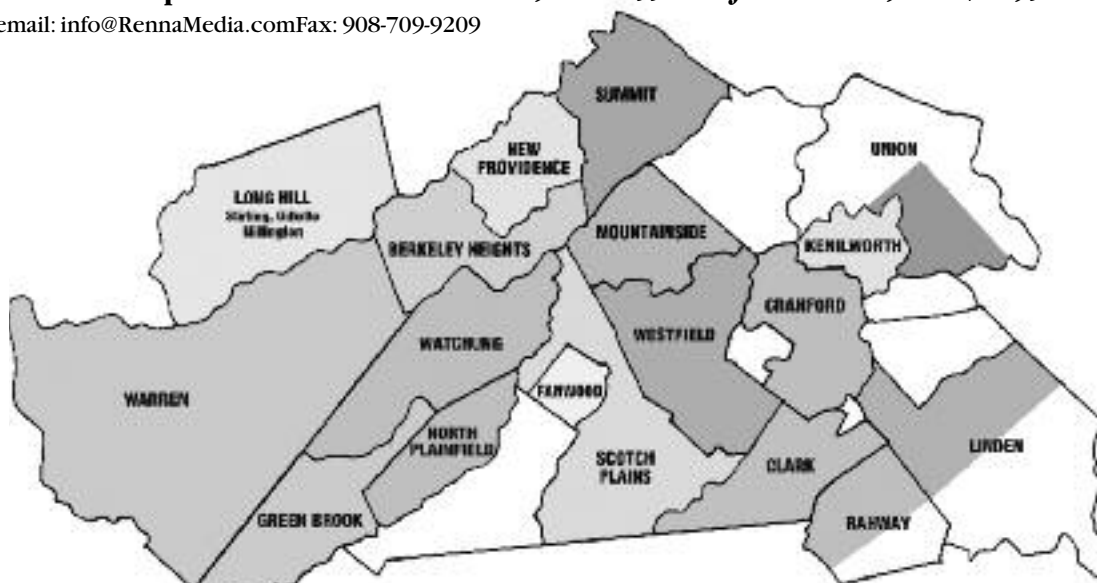
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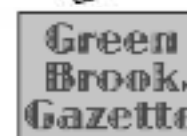
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## NP NAMED 2017 BEST COMMUNITIES IN MUSIC EDUCATION

The New Providence School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The district joins 476 districts across the country in receiving the prestigious award in 2017.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Districts that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, members of the district community answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

This award recognizes that all district schools in New Providence are leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the new federal education legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation, signed into law in December 2015, replaces No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which was often criticized for an overemphasis on testing—while leaving behind subjects such as music. ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of well-rounded education for all children.

“Congratulations to our Music Department and school community for this recognition!” said Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools.

About The NAMM Foundation:

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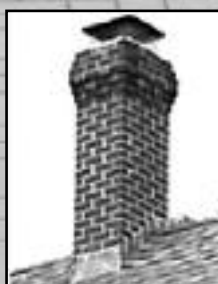
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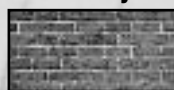
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